

BloodLine 1111

Chapter 1111: Dean Jerome's plan

From MC's Perspective:

It didn't take long before we reached Star University.

Main Elder Cathy and Rosy were taken to the infirmary.

On the other hand, the purple-marked guard dropped Clara and me at the Golden Lightning Palace.

I knew it was the calm before the storm.

The Dark Shadow University was likely going to pay a heavy price.

Then I took Clara to Master Austin's residence to stay.

He had given us his access code.

After entering, we sat on each sofa.

Clara seemed to be worn out.

She fell asleep on the sofa.

I looked at my drenched and exhausted state.

I didn't want to be here alone.

So, I decided to use the Master's bathroom.

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Dean Jerome's Office:

The Purple Mark Guard returned to the Dean's office.

Dean Jerome was already there waiting for him.

Upon seeing him, he immediately inquired about the details.

Though the Purple Mark Guard updated him with details, he wanted to know everything from the beginning.

The Dark Shadow University had crossed a red line.

The Purple Mark Guard wasted no time.

He began to brief him from the starting events where Zack Lockwood started his journey in Star City.

The problem started when greedy people decided to attack Star City's Force Airship.

He then spoke about how he solved that incident.

Everyone was fine up to their border city.

But the problem began again when they reached Dark Shadow University's border city.

About 20 minutes later,

The Purple Mark Guard finished saying everything, including their escape from the Border City.

If not for Zack Lockwood's red ring, they would have been killed then and there.

"Looks like I made the right decision by giving that red ring to that kid," Jerome thought.

He gave the red ring for that kid's protection.

He didn't expect that kid to use the red ring to save the main elders.

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He could only imagine if the Half-Step Red Mark had decided to kill everyone.

It would have been an easy job.

The Purple Mark Warriors were no match against the Half-Step Red Mark Warrior.

To think the internal politics of the Dark Shadow University were worse than theirs.

He didn't know what to say.

"Is she here?" Jerome asked.

"Yes, Main Elder Rosie is undergoing treatment here.

I dropped her disciple at Austin's place," the Purple Mark Guard replied.

“They have stood against their own main elders and the faction leader.

If they go back, their lives would be endangered,” Jerome said.

He knew that some of the Dark Shadow University people were not extreme, but their numbers were small.

Main Elder Rosie was one of them.

“Okay.

Arrange asylum for her and her disciple here.

I’ll take care of this matter,” Jerome said.

The Purple Mark Guard nodded before leaving.

He was injured during the fight, so he intended to recuperate.

“Looks like everyone was hit hard,” Jerome muttered.

The injuries of the Purple Mark Guard didn’t escape his notice.

When it comes to the incident, of course, he was going to retaliate.

But this was not the time.

Because one of the powerful secret lands was going to open soon.

All other forces would enter there to collect resources.

Resources there would be useful to everyone, including the Black Mark Warriors and above.

But not everyone could enter.

He thought if the two universities engaged in a fight right now, many casualties would occur.

This would benefit other forces, especially during the time of the secret land opening.

He immediately summoned the Thunderflame Faction Leader.

A few minutes later,

Old man Clifford arrived.

Upon seeing him, he immediately complained about the grave injustice he had heard from Austin.

He was shocked to know a Half-Step Red Mark Warrior had attacked them.

Sigh!

Dean Jerome let out a deep sigh.

“Sit first,” he said.

Upon hearing that, old man Clifford nodded before taking the seat opposite him.

"I know what happened."

"By this time, you should know that I'm the one who sent a Purple Mark Warrior to secretly protect Zack Lockwood," Dean Jerome said.

"Yes, I have heard it all.

Thanks for the help, Dean," old man Clifford replied.

He knew if not for the protector sent by Dean Jerome, that kid would have died at the hands of people on Star University's Force Airship.

"Glad that you were aware.

In fact, I'm familiar with the rules of the Dark Shadow University.

That's why I was surprised when I heard he was going to do a mission there."

"On one hand, we can't blame that kid.

Even if he did a mission here, he would have faced problems from Faction Leader Vince," Dean Jerome said.

Upon hearing that name, old man Clifford's face changed drastically.

Dean Jerome noticed that and said, "So that kid did the bravest thing.

Not only did he reach the Auction House, but he also managed to save everyone."

"It's not easy to activate the restrictions.

If the owner was not ready to face the danger, the red ring wouldn't have released the Red Mark Warrior's power," he added.

Upon hearing this, old man Clifford was shocked.

He almost forgot about it.

Even though Zack Lockwood was wearing the ring, he knew what it took to activate the restrictions.

"Do you understand what I'm trying to say?" Jerome asked.

"That kid Zack Lockwood has the potential to reach the Red Mark Warrior rank," old man Clifford said in a serious tone.

"Good," Jerome uttered.

He continued, "Initially, I had made an assessment that kid could become a Purple Mark Warrior, even the strongest one.

But I didn't think about the Red Mark rank."

"That too without having an inheritance.

He activated the restriction," Jerome added.

Old man Clifford's expression changed drastically.

Due to the attack on the main elders, he almost forgot to look into this matter deeply.

“Dean, if the news gets out, there will be assassinations on that kid from all sides,” Clifford said in a worried tone.

“Yes, so we have to make him reach the Black Mark Warrior rank as soon as possible,” Dean Jerome said.

“Then I’ll arrange for one more Purple Mark Warrior Guard for that kid if he plans to go out,” he added.

“Dean, what about the revenge?” old man Clifford asked.

“That powerful secret land is going to open soon.

That secret land has not been completely explored.

We don’t know what resources and treasures are hidden there.”

“All the forces are eyeing that secret land.

If we go to fight against the Dark Shadow University at this time, it will only benefit a third party.”

“Besides, the resources in that secret land are important for us as well.

They will help increase the ranks of many monster hunting squad members in a short period.”

“So I don’t want us to miss it.

When it comes to revenge, there will be time.

Ask others to stay silent about this matter.

Don't act until I say so," Jerome said in a solemn tone.

Old man Clifford sighed inwardly.

He understood the importance of the powerful secret land.

He then nodded in reply, "Don't worry, Dean, I'll keep watch over them."

"Good, you can leave now," Dean Jerome said.

Swoosh!

Old man Clifford left the place.

Dean Jerome's eyes flickered.

The appearance of the secret land made him control his anger.

Otherwise, he had many ways to make them pay.

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Dark Shadow University:

Old man Ben and the other injured main elders were taken to the infirmary.

Everyone was undergoing important treatment.

Only the Shadow Auction Elder was killed during the fight.

He was killed by Zack Lockwood's red ring.

Main Elder Rosie and her disciple left with the Star University people.

Old man Ben fell unconscious shortly after the Star University people left.

If he had revealed the truth, the whole Dark Shadow University would be alarmed.

Someone who was not even a Black Mark Warrior had killed their Purple Mark Warrior.

But the other main elders in the University were able to know that the Star University people had left safely.

It didn't take long for them to find out about the death of the Shadow Auction Elder.

It totally enraged them.

But they were puzzled by his death.

They couldn't find any clues regarding the killer.

The other trio main elders who blocked Rosie were undergoing treatment as well.

They had been unconscious all this time.

They didn't even know that Faction Leader Ben got hurt as well, which shocked them to the core.

They knew the help brought by the Star University people consisted of Purple Mark Warriors.

But how could they injure their faction leader?

Everyone was confused.

They could only wait for the Half-Step Red Mark Warrior to wake up.

Only he could provide them with clarification.

But these main elders didn't forget about one more person who opposed them.

The person was none other than Main Elder Rosie and her disciple.

They started to inform others about her actions.

On the other hand, some of their main elders were worried, especially those who were not extreme and were like Main Elder Rosie.

Hearing that trio of main elders' accusations, they were shocked and surprised.

Chapter 1112: Old man Ben regained consciousness

Star University:

Infirmary,

Rosie and Cathy were undergoing treatment.

They suffered serious injuries during the attack.

Their admission was kept secret.

Dean Jeroen didn't want anyone to know about this yet.

Austin and Leola consumed healing liquid as well.

They were all beaten down by the Half-Step Red Mark Warrior.

They understood the gap between the two ranks.

Even if it's half-step, the gap is so big.

Not everyone can have the opportunity to fight against a Half-Step Red Mark Warrior and return alive.

They had accomplished both while at the Purple Mark Warrior Stage.

They were all inside the same room.

Austin was finding it difficult to control his anger.

Too many things had happened this time.

If they had been late to reach there or if Zack Lockwood hadn't used his red ring at the right moment, everyone would have died.

Because of this incident, he felt incompetent to protect his own disciple.

"I want to reach Half-Step Red Mark level sooner," Austin said in a solemn tone while lying on the bed.

Rosie and Cathy were asleep.

They were injected with a healing solution that made them fall asleep.

The solution was working in the meantime.

So only Leola could hear his words.

Her eyes flickered.

“Thanks to your disciple, we are alive.

I will repay the kid soon,” Leola replied.

“Don’t mention it.

I have failed him as well.

To think their Faction Leader dared to attack us.

I’m looking forward to Dean Jerome’s signal.”

“As long as he gives permission, I’ll personally kill many of their main elders,” Austin said in a cold tone.

“No one was allowed to do anything,” Old Man Clifford said after opening the door to enter.

He stepped inside.

The door behind him closed automatically.

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“Faction Leader,” Austin looked at him with confusion.

He couldn’t understand the meaning behind his words.

Leola was taken aback as well.

Old Man Clifford swept his eyes across everyone.

His gaze fell on Cathy and Rosie, who were unconscious.

He then pulled up a chair before sitting on it.

He then looked at Austin and Leola with a sigh.

“After hearing about the incident from you guys, I went to Dean Jerome to complain,” Old Man Clifford said.

“Leader, what happened then?” Austin asked.

Leola wore a serious expression.

She could tell from the Faction Leader’s expression that the meeting didn’t go well.

Sigh!

“Dean has asked us to be patient for some time,” Old Man Clifford said with a sigh.

“Impossible,” Austin exclaimed in shock.

Leola was dumbfounded as well.

They knew about Dean Jerome.

He didn’t care about the faction battles inside Star University.

But if an outsider attacked, then he wouldn’t hesitate to pay them back.

Both expected the same thing to happen this time.

Yet they were hearing something impossible.

Old Man Clifford was not surprised by their expressions.

He felt the same when he had heard it from him.

“Listen, I was shocked at first.

But he told me the reason.

It’s...” After saying that, he started to tell them about the secret land opening.

If it were an ordinary secret land, it wouldn’t make any difference.

But it was one of the powerful ones that had not been completely explored.

The resources from that secret land could increase the strength of the warriors overnight.

At first, Leola was calm, but when she heard it was that powerful secret land, she was surprised.

It's not like the news was secret.

But the common news was that there were six months left until that.

From the faction leader's tone, it seemed the secret land was going to open sooner.

Austin became silent as well.

He was not naive.

No one could overlook a powerful secret land.

No one can afford to miss it.

The treasures inside that secret land can tempt even a powerful Purple Mark Warrior.

A few minutes later,

"I hope you understand the reason.

Dean Jerome doesn't want to miss the secret land opening.

He wants the strength of the Monster Hunting Squad from all factions to increase after the secret land trip."

"If we engage in conflict with Dark Shadow University right now, it would only benefit other forces," Clifford added further.

Austin then said, "Don't worry, Faction Leader.

I can wait.

If I ever become a Half-Step Red Mark Warrior, I'll take the head of old man Ben."

"The situation inside Dark Shadow University is complex.

We should ignore them for the time being.

But this girl will have to stay here."

"Dean Jerome has agreed to give her asylum here.

Maybe we can include her as our fifth Main Elder," Old Man Clifford said.

"It's a good idea.

Her disciple has saved Zack Lockwood's life.

If not for her, he would have been captured by the Auction House Elder," Austin said.

"I support it as well.

Her inclusion will increase our faction's strength," Leola said.

“Good, I’ll deal with the rest of the matters,” he said before leaving.

Not long after coming back to the Thunderflame Faction, he remembered something.

“Dean Jerome wanted Zack Lockwood to become a Black Mark Warrior as soon as possible,” he muttered.

He decided to meet the kid tomorrow.

He knew that kid might be taking a rest right now.

Inside the infirmary, Austin and Leola felt the importance of the secret land.

“It’s time to use the emergency signal to call back the rest of my disciples,” Leola said.

“I’m going to call them back as well,” Austin said.

He had sent many messages to his eldest disciple to return because he wanted to introduce his sixth disciple Zack to everyone.

But his Elder Disciple continued to do missions.

This time he thought his disciple wouldn’t have a choice because it was a rule for everyone to return if they received an emergency signal.

Dark Variant Faction:

The Main Elders of the Dark Variant Faction were busy doing their jobs.

One of their jobs was to keep an eye on the Thunderflame Faction.

Right now, they didn't know what was going on there.

Their Faction Leader was pissed off when they lost sight of Zack Lockwood.

Even the spies couldn't tell what was going on inside Dark Shadow University.

If they wanted to act against Zack Lockwood, then they could only wait for him to return.

When it comes to Faction Leader Vince, he is currently in seclusion.

He would appear when there was important news.

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Dark Shadow University:

Old Man Ben was undergoing treatment.

He was able to regain consciousness a few hours later.

When he completely remembered everything, his heart filled with rage.

"Aaaaaahhhhh!"

He screamed out loud with anger.

Boom!

The shout of the Half-Step Red Mark Warrior shook the whole building.

The patients inside other rooms felt the tremors and oppressive pressure.

Fortunately, the pressure was gone the next second.

Old Man Ben collected his thoughts before calming down.

He realized he was back at the university and admitted inside their own infirmary.

“What happened to the Star University people?”

“What happened to the Auction House Elder?” he asked back-to-back questions.

Creak!

The next second, many main elders and some faction leaders entered the room.

Upon seeing them, Old Man Ben asked, “What happened?”

Hearing that, one of the main elders stepped forward and explained it to him.

A few minutes later,

“I was unconscious,” he said in disbelief.

The attack of the Red Mark Warrior from that kid’s ring flashed before his eyes.

Boom!

A powerful coercion erupted from his body.

He was angry.

The pressure immediately weighed on the Purple Mark Elders.

They immediately lowered their bodies to withstand the pressure.

Only the other Faction Leaders were unaffected.

“Old Man Ben, are you crazy?”

A black-haired old man uttered before canceling the pressure.

He was one of the faction leaders here.

When the pressure was gone, Old Man Ben looked at everyone.

His gaze met with the other Faction Leaders.

“You have no idea what I have gone through,” he said in a cold tone.

“We came here to ask you this question.

We heard that the border city was devastated.

The Star University Main Elders have successfully rescued their disciple and returned.”

“On the other hand, we lost the life of the Shadow Auction House Elder.

Main Elder Rosie and her disciple betrayed our university,” the black-haired Faction Leader said.

“What?”

“The Shadow Auction Elder is gone,” Old Man Ben blurted out.

He clearly remembered asking that elder to kill that kid.

“Yes, he was killed by Star University’s Main Elder.

But we don’t know at whose hands he died,” the black-haired Faction Leader said in a serious tone.

Hearing that, the faces of Old Man Ben changed.

He was sure the Star University’s Main Elders were all beaten down by him at that time.

Only that kid was alive.

He thought that the Shadow Auction House Elder must have found that kid.

But he could have been killed by that ring’s second strike.

Thinking about it, his heart turned cold.

His earlier anger had disappeared.

If he had faced one more strike from that ring, he would have been killed on the spot.

Chapter 1113: Clara's bad state Dark Shadow University: Old man Ben still has a greed for the red ring that kid wears.

If he tells others, then it's quite possible someone will take it from that kid in the future.

"What are you thinking?" the black-haired Faction Leader asked.

"The Star University people had used Dean Jerome's artifact to injure me.

Looks like they brought it to save that kid," he lied to everyone with a straight face.

Hearing that, everyone believed it because the rest of the Purple Mark Main Elders were unconscious when he appeared.

They don't know about the red ring's power.

He not only wanted to lie but also wanted to save face.

Upon hearing his explanation, the faces of the main Elders changed.

They didn't expect Dean Jerome of Star University to be involved in this matter.

But they completely believed old man Ben's words.

He was a veteran warrior, one of the respectable Faction Leaders.

However, the Black Haired Elder was confused.

He didn't know why he felt there was something more to this incident.

"Alright, since you guys know the truth now, let me take a rest.

I have yet to recover from the injuries," old man Ben said.

Hearing that, the Black Haired Elder's mouth twitched.

"Let's go; the faction leader Ben wants to take a rest," he then said to everyone.

Then the Faction Leaders and the other Elders left the room.

When they were gone, his eyes flashed with coldness.

"Now no one knows.

I hope that kid still wears the red ring.

If I catch him next time, I'll get the ring," he said to himself.

When it comes to the Star University Elders, he has decided not to intervene.

He knows their Dean will do something about it.

He just needs to worry about that kid.

He doesn't know if, after this incident, they will let this kid outside or not.

If that kid doesn't leave the Star University territory, it would be a problem.

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From MC's Perspective: The following day, I woke up from sleep earlier.

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When I looked around, I found Clara asleep on the opposite sofa.

"Looks like Master and the others have yet to come," I said to myself.

Shortly afterwards, Clara woke up.

Upon looking at the new place, she immediately thought of her master.

She then found Zack Lockwood and inquired about it.

"I'll ask the master," I said to her.

Then I made a call to my Master in front of her.

When the call connected, I heard his voice.

"Master, Clara wants to see Elder Rosie," I said.

"Well, her master is recovering well.

If she wants to see her, you can bring her to the infirmary," Austin said.

Hearing that, I decided to visit the infirmary.

After ending the call, I turned towards Clara.

Clara had listened to the conversation as well.

Then we left the Golden Lightning Palace.

About 10 minutes later, I brought her to the infirmary.

On the way, many warriors were surprised to see my return, because everyone recognized me.

They couldn't help but get curious about the person next to me.

But I didn't have time to explain to everyone.

After arriving at the infirmary, I called Master Austin again.

I'm sure the elders are undergoing treatment in an important place.

When the connection was established, Master Austin told me that he would come to get us.

Meanwhile, We waited in the lobby.

From time to time, Clara felt the curious gazes of people, but she was not in the mood to pay attention to others.

She was worried about her master and herself.

She was yet to recover from the shock.

Seeing her appearance, I sighed inwardly.

The incident had taken a toll on her.

Not long ago, she was the one who brought me safely to Shadow City.

She was cheerful back then.

Suddenly, I felt a malicious gaze on me.

I immediately turned around and looked for the source.

Then I found a group of people wearing the Dark Variant Faction crest leaving the lobby.

Before exiting the place, one of them turned back and looked at me.

Our gazes met the next second.

Seeing that he was exposed, that guy turned around and exited with the others.

But my eyes flashed with worry.

Now that people from the Dark Variant Faction saw me, it won't be long before the whole university learns about my return.

Most importantly, people will know about her as well.

I still have no idea what Master and the others planned for Elder Rosie and Clara.

It would be best if they join us.

“You guys are here!” The next second, I heard Master Austin’s voice behind me.

Clara raised her head as well.

“You both are unwell too.

Just follow me,” Austin said.

Hearing that, Clara and I started following him.

Master Austin took us to the top floor.

Shortly afterwards, We arrived at the treatment room.

Not a single warrior was seen here.

Only the doctors and healers were walking down the corridor.

Creak!

We entered the room.

The next second, I saw that the room was big.

It could become three individual rooms if divided.

Then I saw Main Elder Cathy and Leola lying on their beds.

Elder Rosie was lying in bed as well.

“Master,” Clara called out before running towards her.

Leola, Cathy, and Rosie were awake.

Upon hearing her voice, they turned towards her.

Clara immediately arrived at her master’s side.

Rosie looked at her disciple with relief on her face.

She was now fully healed.

There was no risk of any danger.

“Clara, I’m fine.

I have healed completely,” Rosie said to her.

Hearing that, Clara felt a huge weight lift off her shoulders.

She was worried earlier.

Seeing that her master was fine, her lost strength seemed to have returned.

Her eyes brightened as well.

“Zack Lockwood, you are doing well,” Leola said all of a sudden.

Hearing that, I was stunned.

I remembered her taking Elder Cathy and Rosie on her shoulder not long ago.

“Was she hurt as well?” I thought.

“Main Elder, I haven’t slept last night,” I replied to her.

Chapter 1114: Thunderflame Faction: 5th Main elder, Rosie

Dark Variant Faction:

The group that had spotted Zack Lockwood in the infirmary had returned. They immediately informed their main elders. It didn’t take long for the main elders to verify the news.

A while ago, some warriors had seen Zack Lockwood going to the infirmary.

Now it was confirmed that Zack Lockwood had returned. The main elders had decided to inform their Faction Leader.

Old man Vince, who was in seclusion, was informed. After knowing that the brat had returned, his eyes flashed with icy coldness.

From the beginning, he had been getting defeated at the hands of a warrior who had not even touched the Black Mark Rank.

Earlier, they had a great chance to end that kid's life in Dark Shadow University's territory. He was the one who told his spies to share information with their people.

But even after receiving the information, the Dark Shadow University people weren't able to do anything. He decided to inquire about this matter now.

Shortly afterwards,

He returned to the main hall where all the main elders were waiting for him.

Vince sat in the main seat. He swept his gaze across everyone before asking, "So where is he?"

"What is he up to?"

One of the main elders stepped forward.

"Leader, that kid went to the infirmary to see someone. But he was seen with some girl. That girl was not wearing the uniform of Star University," he said.

"Oh," old man Vince raised his eyebrows in surprise.

He felt curious. He then asked the others to visit the infirmary to find out the news.

Then he left the main hall. He wanted to go back to his office. Next, he was going to contact a few of his fellows in Dark Shadow University.

He wanted to know what had happened on their side.

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From MC's Perspective:

A few minutes earlier,

I told Main Elder Leola that I was not well. In fact, both Carla and I were still in shock about the incident.

"Don't worry, the problem has been solved," Leola said with a smile.

Her words fell on Clara's ears as well.

She immediately asked, "What happened?"

Her master was fine. The next big thing troubling her was their situation.

This time, Austin stepped into their conversation to explain.

"Dean Jerome has given permission for them to join us. Hereafter, Elder Rosie will be the 5th Main Elder of the Thunderflame Faction."

"Clara will be her 1st disciple," he added.

Gasp!

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Clara exclaimed in surprise first. Even Rosie showed the same expression when she heard it for the first time. She thought Dean Jerome wouldn't allow outsiders to be part of Star University.

But she later realized that the Dean of Star University was thinking about the big picture. When it came to the big picture, the conflict between the two universities was nothing.

“What?” I uttered in disbelief.

I had been dreaming about it. But I never expected it to happen.

“Are you surprised?” Leola asked.

“Yes,” I replied.

“She has saved your life. Dean Jerome has great expectations from you. If you had died, it would have been a great loss to both our university and the Thunderflame Faction,” Leola said solemnly.

Hearing that, I felt grateful to Dean Jerome. Everyone was safe because of the Red Mark Warrior Ring on my finger. If he hadn’t given me this treasure, it would have been impossible for me to escape from such situations.

“Zack, there is one more thing you need to know. The Faction Leader wanted to tell you this. You have to become a Black Mark Warrior Rank soon,” Austin said in a solemn tone.

Hearing that, I was stunned. Not long ago, I had reached General Rank—Early Stage in both body and essence. There were still two small bases left before reaching the peak.

Austin saw confusion on his disciple’s face.

“I know what you are worried about. The resources arrangement will be made. But you can’t waste your time anymore,” Austin said.

A look of realization dawned on me.

“Then I’m leaving,” I said to him before nodding at the others.

Then I left the room and started walking back toward the exit.

“You are harsh on him,” Main Elder Cathy said. She had been silent throughout the conversation, but she felt Austin was being unfair.

Sigh!

“It can’t be helped. This kid should have a sense of urgency. We failed to protect him. The ring saved his life. I don’t know how he would escape something like this next,” Austin voiced his concern.

Hearing that, everyone’s face became dull. It’s true that they were weak when it comes to fighting against a Half-Step Red Mark Warrior.

“I think this kid will surprise us soon. The secret land might be his biggest opportunity. I hope he will get some benefits,” Leola said solemnly.

After learning about the secret land, Elder Cathy had also sent an emergency request to her disciples. Everyone would be on their way to the university.

“Hey, what happened to Main Elder Ann?”

“Where is she?” Cathy asked.

“She has gone to meet a few of her connections. She wanted to collect healing resources,” he said.

Hearing that, Cathy and Leola understood. From the beginning, Main Elder Ann was the one who was advocating for Zack Lockwood to become a Black Mark Warrior first.

This incident must have strengthened her resolve.

“She was right from the beginning. I’m going to do my part as well,” Austin said.

He had already received some news about the Purple Lightning Resources. He thought that with resources in hand, it wouldn't be a problem for his disciple to reach the Peak Stage of General Rank in both body and essence.

"If you don't mind, I'll ask my contact to look for the resources as well," Rosie's voice sounded at this time.

Hearing this, Austin and the others were surprised.

"You don't have to do it," he refuted.

"What?"

"I'm the 5th Elder of the Thunderflame Faction. I can do it. On top of that, I'm grateful to Zack Lockwood. He has saved me and my disciple's lives. At least, I can do this," Rosie said firmly.

"Alright, she is our 5th Main Elder. You can get her help," Leola supported her.

Cathy nodded as well. Since everyone was united on this issue, Austin accepted her help.

Meanwhile,

I returned to the Thunderflame Faction. I immediately encountered a group of members. Everyone was sizing me up from head to toe.

"Zack Lockwood, who is that girl?"

A female warrior from the Ice and Fire Palace asked.

“Which girl?” I asked back.

“You are lying. We have seen the photos of you online,” the female warrior said.

“Senior, I don’t know what you are talking about,” I said, and after saying that, I walked past her. In the blink of an eye, I left the place.

“Damn it!”

“Has he become arrogant?”

“Why don’t we teach him a lesson?”

A group of warriors commented. They forgot about Zack Lockwood’s identity.

“Bah!”

“He is the 6th disciple of Main Elder Austin. If you offend him, you will be beaten by his senior brothers and sisters.”

Gasp!

“We almost forgot about it.”

Because of someone’s reminder, the group of warriors came back to their senses. They immediately left the place.

Shortly afterwards,

I came back to my residence. After entering inside, I locked the door. Then I went to take a bath. The bath lasted for 20 minutes.

Then I changed into comfortable clothes before lying in bed to take a nap. When I was telling Main Elder Leola that I hadn't slept well last night, it was true. So I decided to sleep well before thinking about the next plan.

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Dark Variant Faction:

Two hours later,

Faction Leader Vince was in his office. His old face was full of shock and disbelief. Cold sweat beads covered his forehead. He didn't even know when they had appeared.

He gently wiped his forehead before muttering, "So Dean Jerome is fully supporting the kid."

He knew what had happened now. He had heard from the fellows of Dark Shadow University.

The Thunderflame Faction people had gone there to rescue that kid. Not only had three of them gone there, but they also brought a treasure from Dean Jerome for safety.

Unexpectedly, one of their faction leaders had intervened to stop them. But he had been attacked and injured by Dean Jerome's treasure. That faction leader was undergoing treatment right now.

Later, they brought the kid back safely to Star University. Also, he knew the identity of the girl beside Zack Lockwood.

She was the disciple of one of their Main Elders, Rosie. It was because of her and her disciple that Zack Lockwood was able to escape and even got rescued by the Thunderflame Faction members.

“Hateful,” he gritted his teeth in anger.

But somewhere in his heart, he was happy as well. Because until now, he hadn’t known the plans of Dean Jerome. So he had been acting on his own plan. Now that he knew Dean Jerome supported Zack Lockwood, he had to be careful.

Chapter 1115: Resources from the Faction Leader

From MC’s Perspective:

Thunderflame Faction:

It was past noon. Faction Leader Clifford had arrived in the main hall. He sat in the main chair and looked at the storage ring on his right hand with a relieved expression.

This morning, he had gone to various forces’ territories to collect resources for Zack Lockwood.

Dean Jerome himself wanted Zack Lockwood to become a Black Mark Warrior soon. He permitted the use of essence stones to buy resources.

He had gone looking to purchase all three kinds of resources: the essence, body, and healing resources for Zack.

He was able to acquire only Class-8 resources. The Class-9 healing resources were hard to find. He had even found some stores that sold them, but they demanded an exorbitant price.

Eventually, he had to settle for the Grade-8 resources. He was not worried.

He was aware of Main Elder Austin and Ann’s activities. Both were using their connections to find resources as well.

What’s more, the new 5th Main Elder, Rosie, was helping them out to find resources as well.

He thought Main Elder Leola and Cathy wouldn't be silent, considering that kid Zack Lockwood had saved their lives. He believed they would do their part silently.

"First, it's important to meet the kid and tell him the Dean's words," Clifford said to himself.

Swoosh!

The next second, he disappeared from his position. In the blink of an eye, he flew over several buildings before landing in front of Zack Lockwood's residence.

He then made a call to that kid.

Shortly afterward,

I opened the door, stepped outside, and found the faction leader standing in front of the door.

"Faction Leader," I blurted out in surprise.

"Let's go inside," Old man Clifford said.

Then I welcomed him inside and locked the door.

We both sat opposite each other on the sofa.

"Kid, how are you doing?" he asked.

It was not out of formality, but a genuine concern of his. The incident had shaken them to the core. Let alone a kid below Black Mark Warrior rank. He guessed it would be the same for the kid.

Hearing that, I replied, "I'm worried that I will be targeted again."

"Good that you know about your circumstances. And I'm not going to lie. It might happen. So Dean Jerome wanted me to say this to you."

"You should become a Black Mark Warrior rank soon. There will be a powerful secret land opening soon. Each time the entry conditions vary. But one thing is certain: warriors below the Black Mark Warrior rank can enter to explore it."

"This particular secret land is largely unexplored. Last time, people collected several unknown Class-8 and 9 treasures."

"We even suspect that it could have inheritance places. You know the condition of becoming a Black Mark Warrior. You have to gain an inheritance after reaching the peak of the General rank."

"Only after gaining an inheritance can you shed your human physique and evolve into a powerful being," Old man Clifford patiently explained.

On the other hand, my heart raced. It's not that I'm hearing about the secret land for the first time. Someone had told me before during the mission in the bandit city.

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But I hadn't taken it seriously at that time. Now that even the Faction Leader was in awe of the secret land, I figured I should not waste this opportunity.

On top of that, the matter of inheritance was bothering me. Because I already have something within me. I wonder if it would appear when I reach the peak of the General stage in both body and essence.

Then I pushed down these thoughts before looking at him.

"Faction Leader, I will do my best," I replied.

“Good, here, take this storage ring.” After saying that, he took a new storage ring out from his storage ring.

“I have collected the necessary resources for you. Your two masters were collecting resources on their side. The date of the secret land opening is not clear. It could happen at any time.”

“You are still at the early stage of the General rank. You should use this available time to increase your strength. If you need anything, you can inform me later,” Clifford said with a smile.

I thanked him before accepting the ring. My heart was racing faster. I was worried about my slow progress, but I didn’t expect to receive the resources at the right time.

“Thank you, Faction Leader. I will reach the Peak Stage soon,” I replied.

“Good to hear that. I’m leaving then.” After saying that, he stood up to leave.

I accompanied him outside. When the Faction Leader disappeared from the spot, I sighed inwardly. The resources had come at the right time. It also improved my mood.

I had thought about visiting the Golden Lightning Palace later, but I decided to do it right now. Then I closed the door before heading toward the Golden Lightning Palace.

It didn’t take long for me to reach the place. When I walked inside, I came across other members. Upon seeing their eyes filled with doubt and curiosity,

I sensed their thoughts. Everyone was wondering about Clara’s identity. I’m sure the Faction Leader and others will announce it in time.

I nodded to people as I walked past them. Then I reached the essence chamber facility. After entering, I found that one room was available.

I immediately scanned my ID to enter.

Creak!

The door opened automatically. Then I walked inside the chamber. The door behind me closed. I walked up to the console and turned on the basic function and activated the chamber.

Buzz!

With a buzzing sound, pure world energy started pouring out of the inlet. Seeing that, I stepped onto the platform and sat cross-legged on the ground.

Then I took the new storage ring out and looked at it. Earlier, I hadn't had time to examine it. Now I could see what type of resources were inside.

I used my consciousness to check the materials inside. I spotted nearly arranged boxes one by one. I guessed that treasure was kept inside the boxes.

I took one of them out of the storage ring. I opened the box cover and saw a dark blood-colored pill. Upon seeing it, I immediately felt hungry. The craving came from the red bones.

My eyes flickered. It was no secret that my three elements were known to all the main elders. It's possible that the Faction Leader had bought resources considering my elements.

Since it was causing the red bones to react, I guessed I should use the blood element method to consume it. Then I picked up the red blood pill and consumed it in one go.

Then I closed my eyes and started to run the blood element method. I could feel hot energy entering my body as I began to run the blood element method.

The blood rune in my mind began to flicker. As the red rune throbbed, it started to attract blood energy from the pure world energy covering the chamber space.

As the seconds passed, the blood energy entered my body. At the same time, I continued to circulate the pill energy inside my body.

It didn't take long for the red blood light to appear above the bloodstream. It began to convert the circulating pill energy and blood energy entering my body into mysterious white energy.

The converted white energy then started entering my darkened red skeleton. My skeleton held terrific power, yet it still craved more energy.

When the white energy touched the skeleton, it immediately disappeared into the bones, as if any whirlpool was sucking them in.

But the pain brought by the process was heart-wrenching. My senses were already used to this type of pain. After an initial struggle, I adapted to the torturous pain.

Time passed.

I continued to repeat the process. I don't know why, but I felt my bones getting further strengthened. It's a sign of improvement. I don't know if one red pill was enough for me to achieve a small breakthrough.

There are still two small bases left before reaching the peak. So I'm confident that at least with the current resources in my hand, I can achieve a breakthrough either in body or essence.

I don't know how long had passed before the red pill energy eventually ran out. When the pill energy completely dried up, I stopped practicing and opened my eyes.

A quick flash in my eyes as I smelled the impurities covering my body.

"How?" I blurted out.

It's been a long time since I consumed a raw monster core or pills. Yet the impurities had accumulated in my body. Then I thought about the pill grade. It must be a high-quality one.

I didn't even know the red pill's name, but I thought it was made for Physique Warriors. That's why the hidden impurities were cleansed from my body.

Then I decided to spend some time here before leaving. I'll continue to consume resources each day. Then I will break through soon.

Chapter 1116: The announcement and the silent voices!

From MC's Perspective:

I stepped out of the essence chamber an hour later, seeing that it was already nighttime and few people were practicing here.

I decided to come back tomorrow since I have resources with me now. There is no need to worry about anything else.

Shortly afterwards, I exited the Golden Lightning Palace and started walking back to the residence. Soon, I got there.

After entering, I locked the door. Then I went to take a bath. I spent 20 minutes in the bath before stepping out and changing into comfortable clothes.

The news of the secret land is a good sign for me, as the Faction Leader told me. It is a good place to increase my strength.

After collecting my thoughts, I lay down in my bed.

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The following day,

After getting out of bed, I began my morning routine. It took me more than an hour to get ready. Just as I stepped out of my residence, I saw someone standing at the entrance, waiting for me. When I got closer, I realized the person was Clara.

“Clara,” I called out.

Hearing that, Clara turned around and looked at Zack Lockwood.

“I heard you will be practicing in seclusion until the secret land opens up,” she said.

Hearing that, I nodded to her.

“Good, your strength is weak right now. You should become a Black Mark Warrior soon,” she added.

Hearing that, I was about to speak when I noticed her uniform and badge. She was wearing the Star University uniform and Thunderflame Faction badge.

“Has the announcement been made?” I asked her.

Clara noticed Zack Lockwood’s gaze and found that he was looking at her Thunderflame Faction badge.

“Yes, it was done yesterday. Now the whole Star University knows that my master and I are part of the Thunderflame Faction.”

“My master is the new 5th Main Elder, and I’m her disciple,” she revealed with a smile on her face.

I was surprised and relieved at the same time. Now, no one can bother me about her identity. Then I continued to talk to her.

5th Main Elder Rosie has her own palace and residence now. Clara is staying with her. After speaking for a few more minutes, we parted ways.

She has her own training with her master as well.

Soon, I reached the Golden Lightning Palace. I thought about meeting Master Austin, but he was not here.

Then I thought he had yet to come back from collecting resources. Normally, I should be the one looking for my resources.

But here, everyone is working to help me. I can only repay them by reaching the ranks of the Black Mark Warrior soon.

Then I went to the essence chamber facility.

Dark Variant Faction:

The Faction Leader Vince was in a bad mood since yesterday. The Thunderflame Faction has added one more Main Elder, a person from the Dark Shadow University.

When the news was announced, the whole Star University was shocked to the core. The details were not disclosed, but he knew the details.

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Not only that, some of the Faction Leaders went to the Dean to complain, but they were told to leave. It's a decision taken by Dean Jerome. No one can change his mind.

They left reluctantly. Some of them had sought his help, but even he couldn't do anything in this regard. They didn't know about the incident that happened at Shadow Border City.

If they had known, their reactions would have been different. On top of that, he has a direct or indirect link to the incident. Vince worries that Dean Jerome might have known about his involvement.

Because he was the one who leaked the news about Zack Lockwood to the Dark Shadow University Elders. If the matter comes to light, he won't be able to escape scrutiny.

So he had rejected the faction leaders from helping them out. His actions had surprised everyone. People thought he would use this problem to stir up trouble, but nothing like that happened.

What's more? He has ordered the main elders and faction members to stop their actions against that kid, Zack Lockwood.

Since he knows that Dean Jerome is supporting that kid now, he decides to stay low-key. The Main Elders were all shocked, but they obeyed his words in the end.

Meanwhile,

The addition of the new main elder to the Thunderflame Faction has caused different reactions among the top 10 Factions.

Many of them didn't care, while others worried about the increase in strength of the Thunderflame Faction. This news is shaking up the main elders of the various Factions.

On the other hand, their warriors were up to something else.

After knowing that Zack Lockwood had returned from the mission, many of the warriors were interested in fighting against him. The General Rank Warriors especially wanted to have a duel with him.

But they knew that for their plan, they needed the support of their faction. The Dark Variant Faction had used treasure items for the bet, yet Zack Lockwood didn't fall for that.

So they were worried about how to make their wish successful.

Then someone mentioned targeting the other members of the Thunderflame Faction. If they continued to do that day by day, then their members would be forced to seek help from Zack Lockwood.

Everyone accepted that this method was feasible. Because they didn't have the support of the faction, they didn't have any treasures to make any bets. They could only follow this old method.

Those who devised the plans were from the Elemental Factions. After confirming their plan, they began to act.

The Elemental warriors from each of their factions went to disturb the General Rank Warriors of the Thunderflame Faction.

At first, the argument that started from the exchange of words quickly turned into a duel. The Outer Hall Warriors who were watching weren't surprised.

The challenges and arguments happened every day, so they didn't pay attention to it. But they didn't know.

The General Rank Warriors from the other Elemental Factions were troubling the General Rank Warriors of the Thunderflame Faction at the same time.

Since it was day one, no one noticed their actions.

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A few days passed by,

Both Main Elder Austin and Ann returned to the University after completing their trip. Both of them collected resources for their disciple, Zack Lockwood.

After learning from other main elders that Zack Lockwood was spending most of his time in the essence chamber, they were relieved.

They were glad to know it was their Faction Leader who provided their disciple with resources.

Thunderflame Faction Main Hall:

“The resources in his hands must have motivated him,” Austin said with a smile.

“I was able to get good healing resources. Maybe his healing technique will improve further,” Ann commented.

She was smiling as well because she was able to get rare healing resources. It was so rare you can’t even buy them on normal days.

Yet she was able to get them, so she was happy in her heart.

The Faction Leader Clifford was present as well. The rest of the main elders were all talking and laughing. Only 5th Main Elder Rosie looked a bit confused.

She didn’t know about Zack Lockwood’s three elements because the ring on Zack’s finger blocks prying eyes. Old man Clifford noticed her expression.

“What’s wrong, Elder Rosie?” he asked.

Hearing that, everyone turned toward her.

“It’s just that I was confused about something,” Rosie replied.

“What is it?”

"You can ask about it," Austin said.

Main Elders Leola and Cathy were looking at her as well.

"So, when did Zack Lockwood become a healer?" Rosie asked.

Hearing that, everyone was taken aback. Then everyone understood her confusion. They couldn't help but turn toward their Faction Leader, Clifford.

Old man Clifford's mouth twitched. To be honest, he didn't know whether it was okay to share this news with her. Then he thought about something important.

Since she has become part of their faction and holds the position of 5th Main Elder, she deserves to know the truth.

"Okay, Main Elder Rosie. Since you are our 5th Main Elder, you should know confidential information. This was something known to our main elders, me, and Dean Jerome."

"The information should not be leaked outside, including to your disciple," old man Clifford said in a serious tone.

Hearing that, Rosie's face changed drastically.

"Zack Lockwood is a user of three elements: Purple Lightning, Blood, and Healing," he added.

"What?" Rosie blurted out in shock and surprise.

Her reaction was expected, and others were not surprised. They felt the same inner shock when they heard about Zack Lockwood's three elements.

Rosie was truly terrified in her heart. Zack Lockwood had already shown his potential because of the Purple Lightning. To think that kid has two more elements, she didn't know what to say.

Now she understood why everyone was protective of that kid, including Dean Jerome.

She realized that Zack Lockwood had a good chance of getting a powerful inheritance that could help him become a Purple Mark Warrior easily.

Chapter 1117: Body-General Rank- Mid Stage (Breakthrough)

Thunderflame Faction:

Elder Rosie came to terms with reality. She was shocked by Zack Lockwood's real talent. Only then did she understand why the Dean of Star University was so protective of that kid.

She saw not only the dean but the whole Thunderflame Faction looking after that kid. However, she was aware of the real danger as well. Like in any other place, Star University has internal politics too.

If the hostile factions learned about that kid's talent, they might try to kill him. So she listened to the faction leader's words.

When the meeting was over, Main Elder Austin and Ann went to the Golden Lightning Palace to give resources to Zack Lockwood.

It didn't take long for them to meet and give the resources to him. Then both Austin and Ann returned to their residences. So many things were happening at the university.

They didn't want to disturb Zack Lockwood with other matters.

Meanwhile,

The warriors from the elemental factions were doing their work. It had been several days since they started targeting the warriors of the Thunderflame Faction.

They didn't know that the Dark Variant Faction had started to stay low-key. Their faction leader ordered everyone not to target Zack Lockwood anymore.

This news was kept confidential, but other factions didn't know about it. They thought the Dark Variant Faction was still causing problems for the Thunderflame Faction.

Especially the warriors from the Dazzling Gold Faction and the Cutting Silver Faction were the ones causing the most trouble.

Earlier, they had been operating quietly, but their actions were exposed as the days went by. Their main elders and faction leaders found out about their activities.

But they didn't stop. The faction leaders of the Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver were annoyed by the recent developments.

They were especially dissatisfied with the appointment of the new elder to the Thunderflame Faction. The Thunderflame Faction was already strong to begin with.

Now, with the addition of a main elder, As a faction, they had become stronger as well. Those who could become main elders were stronger than the average Purple Mark Warrior.

Even though other factions had their miscellaneous elders who were Purple Mark Warriors, they were nowhere near as strong as the main elders.

That's why the two faction leaders were frustrated and jealous of the Thunderflame Faction, they had turned a blind eye to this incident.

Since then, their conflicts began to increase. This had become a daily occurrence. Those who could become members of the top 10 factions were always strong.

The members of the Thunderflame Faction were Lightning, Fire, and their variant elemental users.

Most of them emerged as winners in conflicts. Yet this daily occurrence had become a nuisance at some point.

Two days went by,

It didn't take long for news to reach the ears of the old man Clifford and the other main elders.

When they began to investigate the incident, they learned that the incident had started several days ago. Now it has become a daily occurrence.

In the main hall, Old Man Clifford and the others were seated.

"I didn't expect the old problem to be gone and a new one to appear," Old Man Clifford said with a sigh.

Ann, Cathy, Rosie, Leola, and Austin were seated in their places. Their expressions grew serious.

"The disciples are returning. If they learn about this incident, they might attack the elemental factions," Austin said, his tone serious.

"Well, the Dark Variant Faction has become silent all of a sudden. It's just the elemental factions causing problems. Let it be training for the members before the secret land opens up," Faction Leader Clifford said.

Hearing that, everyone agreed with the faction leader's opinion.

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"Good, what's your disciple doing?"

"It's been a couple of days since he got the resources. Has he said anything about the breakthrough?" Clifford asked.

Hearing that, everyone turned towards Austin.

Austin shook his head and replied, "Zack didn't say anything. I think he is practicing three methods, so it will take time for him to break through."

"It's okay, as long as he breaks through before the secret land opens. Then it's good," Clifford said.

Then they discussed a few other matters before ending the meeting.

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From MC's Perspective:

Essence chamber,

It's been a couple of days since I received the resources. I had thought the next breakthrough would be easy, but my body is devouring the natural resources like crazy.

However, there was no sign of a breakthrough whatsoever.

But one good thing, though: I could feel the growing strength in my body. Whether it's my body or essence, both are becoming strong.

In my body, the red skeleton has become more threatening and menacing. Meanwhile, in essence, the purple lightning has grown stronger because of the growth of the purple lightning seed in my dantian.

On top of that, the ancient healing method practice is going well as well. But I don't know why I have this feeling that today will be good.

Then I looked at my storage ring and took out a wild orange-colored fruit. The scent coming from this fruit is refreshing. I don't know the name of the fruit, but the craving coming from my bones tells me that it's good for physique improvement.

After glancing at the oval-shaped fruit, I ate it in one go. The juice filled my stomach. I could feel a huge craving from my bones. Without further ado, I closed my eyes and started running the blood element method.

The blood energy from the world energy that filled the chamber began entering my body as well. Along with the wild fruit energy, I started to circulate them inside my body.

Then the blood light above the bloodstream appeared. It began to convert these two types of energy into the mysterious white energy.

This white energy then began drilling into my red bones. The runes hidden in the bones were absorbing the incoming energies. I could feel the improvement again.

But I didn't know whether the energy was enough to satisfy the hunger. Then only I could feel the next limit. As time passed, I almost gave up hope.

Yet I felt the limit an hour later. It was the limit to the mid-stage of the General Rank. The hope in my heart was reignited. I continued my practice.

Time passed,

When it was nighttime, I felt the barrier breaking apart. Taking this opportunity, I ate one more treasure fruit and continued with the blood element method.

As time went on, the cracks started to expand.

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At one point, the barrier was blasted away by a torrent of energy. Then the new flood of energy started to surge through my bones. I could feel my bones strengthening at a rapid rate.

Which in turn strengthened my flesh, meridians, veins, and inner organs as well.

The hidden runes in my bones became darkened. My dark red skeleton had become stronger than before. I felt I could even hurt a Black Mark Warrior.

I knew this was just a fleeting feeling. I'm not going to underestimate the Black Mark Warriors who have inheritance powers with them.

As time passed, the process came to an end. Then I continued to run the blood element method to stabilize my new base.

About two hours later,

I stopped practicing after feeling that the new strength was stable. I opened my eyes and looked at my condition. The impurities covering my body were less.

I had been consuming resources for the past couple of days. Many times, the impurities were cleansed from my body. It's normal that I don't have huge impurities after a breakthrough.

Then I stood up and decided to leave. I had decided to tell the Master about my breakthrough tomorrow. It was already close to midnight, and everyone must be asleep.

Then I turned off the essence chamber function. The world energy disappeared, and the room returned to normal. After doing that, I walked outside.

Seeing that no one was around, I started to leave. Just as I reached the exit, I saw someone exiting before me. The person appeared to be a new face. When I walked out of the Golden Lightning Palace,

I saw that the person had disappeared.

“Strange?”

“What’s a member doing here at midnight?” I asked myself.

Then I collected my thoughts before walking back toward my residence. I quickly reached my place. After entering the room, I locked the door and went to take a bath.

I spent 20 minutes there before stepping out. Then I changed into comfortable clothes before looking at myself in the mirror.

Boom!

I clenched my right fist, and a burst of shock force appeared.

The shock force swept across the room, shaking the items, chairs, tables, and window curtains.

Seeing that, my mouth curved into an arc. I’m feeling satisfied with my Mid-Stage, General Rank Body Strength.

Next, I can focus on the purple lightning essence.

Chapter 1118: Taking things under my control

From MC’s Perspective:

The following day,

I woke up earlier. After getting out of bed, I started my morning routine.

About 2 hours later,

I left the residence. I had been staying isolated since I got the resources. I wondered what was going on outside.

Then on my way to the Golden Lightning Palace.

I saw a group of General Rank Warriors coming, bruised all over their bodies. My eyes flickered. I immediately thought they were coming back from a mission.

But when I walked past them, I encountered another group of injured warriors. This time, they were Commander Rank warriors.

I couldn't help but pause and listen to their conversations.

"Damn it, this silver elemental faction. Their warriors were purposely hitting us. All because of Main Elder Austin's disciple."

"Yeah, the elder's disciple is a coward, staying indoors. But we are the ones being targeted instead."

"If I see Zack Lockwood, I'll slap him in the face."

A team of male and female Commander Rank warriors discussed seriously. A deep hatred was evident in their tones.

On the other hand, I was dumbfounded. Why were these people hating me? I instantly felt something bad. Then I walked up to them.

The team was discussing when they suddenly noticed someone walking towards them. When they saw my face, they were shocked to the core.

A moment ago, everyone was dissing him. Now that same person had come to them. The female warrior retreated backward. She said something inappropriate that could invite trouble.

The male warriors looked at each other, avoiding my gaze.

“What’s going on?”

“Why are you guys badmouthing me?” I asked them.

The warriors hesitated, fearing that the main elders would punish them.

I saw through their doubts.

“Don’t worry, I won’t trouble you. But I seriously want to know what’s going on?” I asked them.

The female warrior summoned some courage before stepping forward. She had decided to tell everything. Otherwise, the bullying from the Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver Faction wouldn’t stop.

Though other elemental faction warriors troubled them, the warriors from these two factions attacked them the most. Today they had been thrashed by the Cutting Silver Faction.

“I’ll tell you everything. But I hope you will solve the problem after hearing from us,” the female warrior said.

Hearing that, I nodded at her.

Then she started explaining from the beginning of the events.

About 10 minutes later,

My heart was in turmoil. To think even the elemental factions are bullying us. What is really going on? I don't believe their warriors are that strong.

"Thanks for telling me. I'm going to the Outer Hall right now. I'll beat whoever comes in my way," I said before turning around to leave.

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Since my body strength had reached General Rank – Peak, I wasn't afraid of anyone.

The team of warriors was shocked, especially the female warrior, who did not expect Zack Lockwood to respond so decisively.

"Let's go and follow him!"

"He is definitely going to beat them."

"Even the Dark Variant Faction Warriors are not his match!"

The group of warriors discussed before following Zack Lockwood from behind.

I was on my way toward the exit. On the way, the warriors who recognized me were shocked. They didn't expect to see me here.

I sighed inwardly. If the female warrior hadn't revealed the truth, I don't know what would have happened next. The faction leader and the other main elders must have known about this incident.

But they were keeping silent for some reason. Whatever their reasons were, my name was getting dragged through the mud here.

On the other hand, the Thunderflame Faction warriors were taken aback by seeing Zack Lockwood here. They saw the team of injured warriors following him steadily.

People quickly connected the dots and understood what had happened.

“Hey, he is going to take action. Let’s follow him.”

“The guys from the Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver Factions are going to be destroyed.”

“Ha...Ha...Ha.... finally. I have been waiting for this day.”

The warriors were surprised and began to follow Zack as well. Some of them had conflicts with these two factions on a daily basis.

So today they were not going to miss the opportunity to watch the duel. Among the people watching from a distance were also members of the Main Elders’ palace. The members of the Golden Lightning Palace saw Zack Lockwood as well.

Their expressions changed drastically. They knew Main Elder Austin and the other Main Elders didn’t want Zack Lockwood to be disturbed during his isolation training.

So the news had been kept from him. Now, seeing him leading a group of people, they realized something was about to happen.

Swoosh!

A few silhouettes quickly disappeared from the scene. They were going to inform Main Elder Austin. Similarly, the other palace members left to inform their main elder.

Shortly afterward,

I walked out of the Thunderflame Faction and started heading toward the Outer Hall. Not long after, I heard fighting noises coming from the distance.

It was closer to their Thunderflame Faction territory. When I got to that place, I saw two teams fighting against each other.

On one side were five warriors from the Thunderflame Faction. On the opposite side were warriors wearing the golden emblem. They were General Rank Warriors.

I could tell they were from the Dazzling Gold Elemental Faction. Since it was an unofficial fight, they were not using elemental attacks.

Swoosh!

I disappeared from my spot. In a flash, I appeared before the General Rank Peak Stage, a heavy-built warrior.

Boom!

I smacked his face with my fist. The warrior was caught off guard, and his body was sent flying before crashing into the ground.

Swoosh!

Then I moved toward the next warrior. My sudden appearance caught everyone off guard.

“Who are you?” Before the second warrior could complete his sentence,

Boom!

I struck his body. He flew backward before hitting the ground. I didn't dare to use Red Blood Energy; otherwise, they would be dead.

By this time, the other three warriors from the Dazzling Gold Faction reacted. Seeing that two of their General Rank Peak Stage warriors had been taken down, they were shocked to the core.

One of them recognized me.

"Oh my gosh!"

"He is Zack Lockwood!"

"We've hit an iron plate. Let's leave," the golden elemental warrior said.

Hearing that, the expressions of the remaining two warriors changed drastically. Not only them, but even the Thunderflame Faction warriors were shocked. They didn't expect to see Zack Lockwood here.

Swoosh!

In the next second, I swiftly moved to deal with the others. I appeared before the warrior who had just spoken about me. His face was written with horror.

Boom!

Before he could say anything, I threw a punch at him. He was hit in the stomach before falling to the ground.

Swoosh!

Seeing their friend on the ground, the remaining two started to flee. One even used an elemental movement technique.

“No one can escape,” I uttered in a cold tone before giving chase.

My movement speed was so fast that I caught up to them. The black-haired middle-aged man turned around to fight, but I kicked him away.

Boom!

The brute force in my kick sent his body flying. He rolled on the ground in pain. I ignored him and attacked the last one.

Before his fist could reach my face, I kicked at his side.

Crack!

One of his side bones cracked from the kick.

Argh!

A muffled grunt escaped his mouth before the last warrior fell to the ground in pain. He felt something crack in his side.

In the blink of an eye, all five warriors from the Dazzling Gold Faction were injured.

Cheers!

Those watching from a distance started cheering. Especially the guys who had slandered not long ago; they were cheering as well.

The Thunderflame Faction warriors were shocked to the core, particularly the team that had been fighting against them just a minute ago.

They knew how strong the warriors from the Dazzling Gold Faction were, yet all of them were defeated at the hands of Zack Lockwood, that too in one move.

Everyone was looking at Zack Lockwood with awe.

On the other hand, I was feeling the gaze of everyone. But I wasn't satisfied. I thought the fight was taking place everywhere. There must be other groups that needed my help.

Swoosh!

So I left the place and started moving forward.

The Thunderflame Faction warriors were stunned.

"What is he doing?"

"Is he going to fight all of them alone?"

"Let's go and support him. We can take care of the other warriors. Let him deal with the top ones."

The warriors discussed before following Zack.

In the blink of an eye, the news started to spread across the Thunderflame Faction. They didn't expect Zack Lockwood to appear outside all of a sudden.

Now he was starting to take revenge. Everyone wanted to see the action, and soon a large number of warriors left the Thunderflame Faction to watch the duel.

Chapter 1119: Crazy scenes!

Golden Lightning Palace:

Austin was in his residence when he heard commotion coming from outside. He went to open the door and saw members gathering outside.

“What happened?” he asked.

Among them, he found several General and Commander Rank Warriors. They were usually busy training and wouldn’t come here unless something important was happening.

The warriors looked at each other with hesitation; they didn’t know how to break the news. Eventually, one of them stepped forward and told what happened.

“What?”

“Zack is beating everyone,” Austin blurted out.

He had thought Zack was practicing inside the essence chamber and hadn’t expected him to be involved in this incident. He then thought of something before looking at them.

“Did anyone tell him the news?” he asked.

The members shook their heads. They were all from the Golden Lightning Palace and wouldn’t tell Zack Lockwood.

Austin didn’t doubt them. He sighed inwardly, realizing that the news must have reached his disciple Zack through others.

“Go and stop him. It’s a fight between juniors. The elders won’t come. If I appear, then the main elders from the elemental faction might show up. It could be their conspiracy.”

“So stop him before he seriously injures anyone,” Austin ordered the members.

The members nodded before leaving the place. Once they were gone, Austin’s eyes turned icy.

“This kid is still so impulsive,” he uttered.

Swoosh!

Then he thought of something before heading toward the main hall.

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From MC’s Perspective:

Not long after, I found a General Rank Warrior using the silver metal element to attack a Thunderflame Faction Warrior.

Swoosh!

I appeared before him and blocked his attack.

“Who are you?” the middle-aged man asked.

Hearing that, I slapped his face.

Boom!

The next second, his body flew backward before falling to the ground. A deep red handprint could be seen on his cheek.

I looked at the person, and seeing that he was not getting up, I decided to leave.

The Thunderflame Faction Warrior was shocked. He recognized Zack Lockwood and didn't expect him to come to the rescue. But his heart soared with ecstasy.

They had been going against the elemental faction warriors, and there seemed to be no end to this conflict. He thought Zack Lockwood's appearance would put an end to all this.

Just as he decided to follow, he saw more Thunderflame Faction members coming toward the place.

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One of them saw the unconscious warrior. After looking at his badge, he said, "The warrior from Cutting Silver is unconscious."

"Let's follow him. The warriors of the elemental faction are going to be bedridden."

"We should not be late."

The group of warriors went past him. The guy who fought against the Cutting Silver Faction's warrior was stunned; he then started to follow them.

Meanwhile, the news had reached the ears of warriors roaming in the Outer Hall. It was unclear who posted it online, but the bruised pictures of elemental factions' warriors started appearing.

What was shocking was that all of them were dated today. It didn't take long for the warriors to realize that someone was attacking the elemental faction warriors.

On the other hand, I came across another group. This time it was the group of General Rank Warriors from the Storm Wind Faction. They were users of the wind elements.

"Ha... Ha... Ha... look at these pictures."

"Someone posted them online just now."

"It's the Dazzling Gold guys and Cutting Silver guys. They are now getting their @ss kicked. They were truly worthless."

"They should learn from us. We've caused Thunderflame Faction Warriors to be bedridden for a few days."

Unbeknownst to them, someone was watching. The group of male and female warriors was chatting and laughing.

At this time, the group from Thunderflame Faction arrived as well. Some of them recognized the Storm Wind faction members, and their eyes filled with anger.

"It's them!"

"Senior Brother Zack, they ambushed my team a couple of days ago."

"Because of the injuries, my team and I had to stay in the infirmary for four days."

A middle-aged man revealed the truth all of a sudden.

Hearing that, the faces of the other Thunderflame Faction members changed drastically.

“So they were the ones who did it!”

“Truly despicable!”

“Senior Brother Zack, teach them a lesson.”

The rest of them started supporting. At this time, the Storm Wind members felt something was wrong and turned around. When their gaze fell on Zack Lockwood, their pupils shrank.

“He is Zack Lockwood!”

“We have a good chance to increase our reputation.”

“Let’s attack him.”

The Storm Wind members discussed this without knowing that Zack Lockwood was the one who had thrashed everyone. The person who posted the pictures online had forgotten to reveal Zack Lockwood’s name due to his excitement.

“I was hesitating earlier. Now that I know your deeds, I’ll beat you badly,” I said before dashing toward them.

The Storm Wind team consisted of 3 male and 2 female General Rank Warriors. They knew they couldn’t use their elemental powers here.

They surrounded Zack Lockwood to besiege him.

Swoosh!

My eyes turned cold. I rushed toward the nearest person and punched him in the abdomen. The middle-aged man widened his eyes in disbelief before rolling to the ground.

The faces of the other four changed drastically.

Then I targeted the female warriors. Unconsciously, they started using their wind element to attack. A crazy glint flashed in my eyes.

Crack!

I covered my fist with Purple Lightning and shattered the wind blades one after another.

Boom!

The Thunderflame Faction Warriors retreated. They hadn't expected the Storm Wind members to use their elements.

Swoosh!

The female warriors were stunned. Their eyes flashed with fear. They knew how strong the wind blades were—they could tear away the flesh of monsters and humans.

But Zack Lockwood destroyed them easily. They tried to retreat, but it was too late. I appeared before them and slapped each of them.

Boom!

Both female warriors fainted on the spot. I removed the Purple Lightning at the last moment; otherwise, they would have been slapped to death.

When I turned around, I saw the remaining two warriors being besieged by Thunderflame Faction warriors. Seeing that made my mouth curve into a smirk.

Swoosh!

Then I left the place. It didn't take long before more pictures appeared online. This time, those who were online saw pictures of the Storm Wind Faction warriors.

Their condition was more miserable than that of the Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver Factions. Especially the male warriors, who had their outfits torn. Their faces and bodies were bruised. Except for the females, the male warriors were taken to the infirmary.

Soon, the news was confirmed: the person attacking the elemental faction warriors was none other than Zack Lockwood.

The news shocked many people, particularly those who had attacked the Thunderflame Faction Warriors over the past couple of days.

Some were enraged by the news and wanted to fight against him. So they started coming out of their faction territory and heading to the Outer Hall.

Shortly afterward,

As I wandered around, looking for the elemental faction warriors, I came across the Dew Faction warriors but ignored them.

My main goal was the Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver Factions; they were the ones causing the most harm to the Thunderflame Faction.

But I activated my perceptual ability out of curiosity.

The three General Rank Warriors exchanged glances. They had seen the online posts. Upon encountering Zack Lockwood here, they didn't want to let him go.

They didn't think Zack Lockwood was strong. Everyone knew the use of elemental powers was forbidden. They thought that with three of them, they could defeat Zack Lockwood.

One of them released murderous intent, unwittingly making a foolish move.

Swoosh!

I turned around to attack after feeling the killing intent. In the blink of an eye, our fists collided.

Argh!

The warrior let out a grunt before collapsing on the ground. His right hand bone was cracked. The faces of the other two warriors changed drastically.

"We didn't know anything!"

"It was him!"

The other two warriors tried to explain.

My eyes flashed with disdain. I didn't waste my words and immediately appeared before them, slapping each of their faces.

A slap from me caused them to collapse on the ground. If I had used my blood energy, I think their heads would have burst.

"I didn't expect other elemental faction warriors to attack me. They probably wanted to gain fame by defeating me," I thought to myself.

Swoosh!

Then I left the place. The Thunderflame Faction warriors arrived at the spot shortly afterward and saw that the Dew Faction warriors had been beaten down as well.

Some of them started to take pictures. Only two factions remained: the Blazing Flame and Mountain Earth. These two factions hadn't caused any problems for the Thunderflame Faction.

The same could be said for the Dew Water Faction warriors.

But nothing could be said now. From the online posts, they could see that more warriors were coming to fight against Zack Lockwood to gain fame.

Chapter 1120: Waiting by the mission hall

Thunderflame Faction:

Faction Leader Clifford and the main elders are discussing in the main hall. They are getting updates from the members. Zack Lockwood's actions have caught everyone off guard.

Old man Clifford said, "I should have expected this situation. We have been silent because we wanted everyone to feel pressure."

"So that they can better prepare for the secret land opening," he added.

"Faction Leader, the situation has still not gotten out of our hands. So far, our faction warriors have suffered. Let the other factions feel the pain too," Leola said in a cold tone.

Her Black Flame Palace members have suffered at the hands of the Silver and Gold Elemental Factions. If it had been one versus one, she wouldn't have gotten angry.

But the Thunderflame Faction warriors were ambushed by others. In most cases, it was an entire team against one of their warriors.

Old man Clifford sighed. He saw through her thoughts. The rest of the main elders' emotions were the same. Everyone's faction members were hurt.

The only new main elder, Rosie, has yet to create her own palace. But she is dissatisfied with the methods of other faction members.

"Austin, what do you think?" Clifford asked.

"I don't think other faction elders will interfere. It's a fight between young warriors. Let them handle it. I think my disciple wouldn't go for a kill," Austin replied in a calm tone.

Earlier, he wanted to stop Zack Lockwood from going on a rampage across the outer hall, but after hearing the experiences of others, he changed his mind.

Their Thunderflame Faction members had been under pressure for several days.

He thinks Zack Lockwood's actions will bring justice for them. Then they changed the topic and began to discuss other issues.

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From MC's Perspective:

After following the path, I came to the mission hall building. My arrival caused an uproar. I swept my gaze across everyone before looking at the building.

I don't think it's a good idea to fight in this area. The outer hall elders must be watching. So I walked a little further away and stood under a shade tree.

Then I started to watch the warriors passing by. The warriors from different factions were coming in and out of the mission hall building.

Everyone must have heard my deeds by now. Only the Blazing Fire and Mountain Earth Factions were remaining. I had already taught a lesson to the Blazing Fire Faction people a couple of weeks ago.

Then I never had contact with the Mountain Earth Faction people. As I continued to observe people while standing under the tree, I found many gazes on me.

Most of them were hidden. I couldn't help but suspect they were the outer hall elders. None of them intervened so far because I hadn't used the elements to fight.

I only retaliated when the opponents used their elemental attacks against me. Today, I must solve this problem so that I can go back and practice in peace.

My physique has reached the General Mid Stage. Next, I need to focus on the essence. Once my essence reaches Mid Stage, my strength will further increase.

It's a pity that I don't have a sparring partner to fight. If it were a Black Mark Warrior, then it would be better.

Meanwhile,

The various faction warriors were furious. Zack Lockwood was walking sideways here. No one was stopping him. Most of the people were aware of their own strength. They didn't want to get embarrassed by showing up.

The Elemental Faction warriors were especially helpless. Initially, they didn't have anything to do with the Thunderflame Faction.

The Thunderflame Faction had always clashed with the Dark Variant Faction. These two were rivals. Yet, the Blazing Fire Faction started the trend of offending the Thunderflame Faction.

The Blazing Fire Faction warriors caused trouble for a couple of days. Later, for some reason, everyone quieted down. Now the trend was started again by the other elemental factions.

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The Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver Faction warriors took the lead. Some of the warriors from the remaining factions did their part by fighting against the Thunderflame Faction warriors.

Most of their actions were aggressive and unethical. They ambushed and besieged. If they had fought fair and square, the Outer Hall Elders would have spoken against Zack Lockwood by now.

So they could only watch Zack Lockwood's actions silently.

Not long after, the groups of Thunderflame Faction warriors, after seeing Zack Lockwood standing under the tree, went to his side.

"Brother Zack, I heard teams from the Mountain Earth Factions are coming to challenge you," a middle-aged man said.

He is many years older than Zack, but Zack had the seniority of the main disciple.

"Let them come," I uttered in a relaxed tone.

Since I have decided to solve the mess, I should handle the troubles of the Mountain Earth Faction as well.

There are warriors standing not far away from them. They heard the conversation, which immediately took their breath away.

"Damn!"

“Even the muscle-headed guys are coming. What happened to them? Do they think they can defeat Zack Lockwood?”

“I guess it’s the work of seniors in the Inner Hall.”

“They must be feeling embarrassed. Currently, no one in the Outer Hall can stop Zack Lockwood!”

These warriors from the Bloodline Factions were discussing in low tones. They feel glad that none of their warriors from the Bloodline Factions did such a foolish thing.

On the other hand, I and the rest of the members could hear their conversation.

“Brother, the warriors from the Bloodline Factions were up to no good as well. Why don’t you handle them?”

“If you do that, then you will earn the name of defeating the top nine faction warriors. You already defeated the people from the Dark Variant Faction.”

“What do you say?” the middle-aged man asked.

His words caused quite a stir in the hearts of the Thunderflame Faction warriors. Zack Lockwood could truly create a record here.

Thereafter, nobody would offend them.

I sighed inwardly. These people are ambitious, but they don’t know such actions will offend their faction leaders.

Since their warriors didn’t take any action, it’s unnecessary to fight against them.